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Dear Ms. Dixon:

As a concerned citizen I have a few comments that I wish to be considered before the final decision of the storage of nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain is made. Although I realize that this is an issue that needs immediate attention I feel that not every option has been evaluated. I agree that this is a decision that needs to be permanent and because of that the best possible decision needs to be made for this is an issue that cannot be easily changed.

- 1 There are three questions that I have after reading the Yucca Mountain EIS. First, why has Yucca Mountain been the only considered site? I am more that sure that there are other sites that would serve the same purpose. In addition the site I believe should be located on the eastern side for two main reasons. The Eastern US is where the largest concentration of nuclear waste is located. I strongly believe that transporting nuclear waste across the United States is pointless and extremely dangerous under any circumstance. I feel this way because there are other suitable sites that are more than likely closer than Yucca Mountain. |
- 2 Why is storing the nuclear waste above ground an "alternative" solution? The waste has always been stored above ground and without any problems. I felt that the waste should continue to be stored above ground and in the specially designed storage center and encased in the designed canisters. This would create the same effect and it would serve the same purpose only above ground. In addition, if something was to happen to the stored waste, it would be more convenient to make needed repairs or clean up leaks. |
- 3 Lastly, I would like to know how Yucca Mountain would be evaluated and determined as a safe place to store the nuclear waste. In case of a leak in the canisters, the gases could leak, through a possible crack in the mountain. |

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,


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